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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir.

In response to the March 19, 2007 Office Communication, Applicants respond as follows. Additionally, Examiner Junker is thanked for the courtesies extended in the April 19, 2007 and other telephone calls.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Communication mailed March 19, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species II, Figures 11-18 for continued examination, with traverse.

Additionally, the Office Communication indicates no claims are generic. This is traversed. As requested by the Examiner in the conference call, Applicants find that at least independent claims 1, 15 and 17 are generic. The Examiner takes the position that Species I is a "rectangular shutter with no center support" while Species II is a "rectangular shutter with a center support." A "rectangular shutter with no center support" is necessarily generic to a shutter with additional features, namely a center support. As such, the generic claim status in the Office Communication should be corrected.

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